IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)
Steven R. Cohen)
Ralph E. Holmes)
J. Peter Amis)
Horst R. Fichtner	,)
Stefan Lemperle)
-	Examiner: To be determined
Application Number: To be determined) Group Art Unit: To be determined
Filed: Herewith)
For: PARTIALLY RESORBABLE)
CONNECTIVE TISSUE DISTRACTION)
DEVICES AND TECHNIQUES)
Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington D.C., 20231	
Sir.	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT NUMBER 1

Prior to examination, please amend the application as provided below:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 32 through 37 and 39 through 41. Accordingly, claims 1 through 31 and 38 are pending upon entry of this Preliminary Amendment.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are ready for examination and in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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